## Comm Schools: Overview

- Comm Schools has operated with a structural deficit for several years
- That has eroded a once large balance (>\$1 million) to zero/negative
- Revolving accounts can not operate with a year-end deficit
- TONIGHT'S GOAL: We must make short-term changes via revenue increase (raising tuition) to bring CS account back to surplus ASAP
- Future focus: We **must make long-term changes** to expenses or revenues to bring CS account to full health (3 months of expenses on balance, or \$1.1 million)

# Comm Schools: Prior Years Review

		FY23	FY24	Ę	FY25
٩	Tuition	\$ 3,013,157.21	\$ 3,287,319.59	\$	3,698,380.80
nua	Vouchers/Other Revenue	\$ 145,802.56	\$ 84,890.18	\$	131,681.29
Revenue	DONATIONS	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$	-
~	Refunds	\$ (753.00)	\$ _	\$	
10	Salaries	\$ (2,733,961.88)	\$ (3,338,183.58)	\$	(4,057,419.47)
ses	FT/PT Staff	91	108		108
Expenses	Equipment	\$ (6,739.81)	\$ (4,681.94)	\$	(1,015.57)
X X	Contracted Services	\$ (366,987.00)	\$ (407,272.27)	\$	(380,876.95)
	Supplies	\$ (40,863.52)	\$ (30,130.23)	\$	(22,563.95)
10	Revenue Total	\$ 3,158,959.77	\$ 3,373,709.77	\$	3,830,062.09
Totals	Expense Total	\$ (3,149,305.21)	\$ (3,780,268.02)	\$	(4,461,875.94)
Ĕ	Variance: Surplus or (Deficit)	\$ 9,654.56	\$ (406,558.25)	\$	(631,813.85)

tee	Cor	nm Schoo	ols: Three	Year	
Subcommittee	or	ecast	FY26	FY27	FY28
000		Tuition	\$ 4,646,368.48	\$ 4,762,527.69	\$ 4,881,590.88
	Revenue	Vouchers/Other Revenue	\$ 135,631.73	\$ 139,022.52	\$ 142,498.08
Finance					
		Salaries	\$ (4,461,038.96)	\$ (4,617,175.32)	\$ (4,778,776.46)
- 1		Equipment	\$ (4,270.15)	\$ (4,419.60)	\$ (4,574.29)
	Expenses	Contracted Services	\$ (316,596.77)	\$ (327,677.66)	\$ (339,146.37)
		Supplies	\$ (32,121.48)	\$ (33,245.73)	\$ (34,409.33)
	Table	Revenue Total	\$ 4,782,000.21	\$ 4,901,550.21	\$ 5,024,088.97
		Expense Total	\$ (4,814,027.35)	\$ (4,982,518.31)	\$ (5,156,906.45)
	Totals	Variance: Surplus or (Deficit)	\$ (32,027.14)	\$ (80,968.10)	\$ (132,817.48)

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- On Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, Comm School revolving account had a negative balance of over \$213,000.
- As of today, October 20<sup>th</sup>, the account now has a positive balance of \$XXXXXX (tuition revenues from September).
- BUT, our biweekly payroll will post tomorrow and the account will again be in a deficit.
- City is aware of the issue, has allowed us to charge salaries to the account with the understanding that we will rectify this issue ASAP.
- We cannot charge goods or services, however, until the account has positive cash flow.
- We must raise tuitions to meet the growing expenses.

# Comm Schools: Short-Term Fixes

3 Tuition Increase Options to Close the Deficit for This Year – Starting on Jan. 23, 2026

#### Community Schools Gap-Closing Options

		FY26
	Tuition	\$ 4,646,368.48
Revenue	Vouchers/Other Revenue	\$ 135,631.73
	Salaries	\$ (4,461,038.96)
Expenses	Equipment	\$ (4,270.15)
Expenses	Contracted Services	\$ (316,596.77)
	Supplies	\$ (32,121.48)
	Revenue Total	\$4,782,000.21
Totals	Expense Total	\$ (4,814,027.35)
	Current/No Change	\$ (32,027.14)
	Jan 23: \$10/week	\$ 120,162.86
	Jan 23: \$15/week	\$ 203,322.86
	Jan 23: \$20/week	\$ 286,482.86

#### Option 1: \$20/week tuition, keep all programming

	Option 1: Full services for all OST Programming
Revenue	<ul> <li>Raise tuition by \$20/week on Jan 23 (from \$149 to \$169)</li> <li>\$318,510 in additional revenue this year</li> <li>\$0 from "local" OST budget</li> </ul>
Notes	<ul> <li>Weekly cost in line w/ Newton (\$171 to \$212 per week)</li> <li>Allows us to finish the year with a projected surplus of ≈ \$\$286,482</li> <li>\$578,760 in annual revenue (full 39 weeks next year and beyond)</li> <li>Cost to families: \$360/student this year; \$780 for full year</li> </ul>

#### Option 2: \$15/week tuition, trim programming

		Option 2: Eliminate (2-3) free OST Programs
_		<ul> <li>Raise tuition by \$15/week on Jan 23 (from \$149 to \$164)</li> </ul>
	Revenue	• \$235,350 in additional revenue this year
		• \$100,000 from "local" OST budget
		<ul> <li>Weekly cost below Newton (\$171 to \$212 per week)</li> </ul>
		• Ex: Eliminate free Soccer Without Borders and Spanish Language
		Club
	Notes	• Allows us to finish the year with a projected surplus of $\approx$ \$203,000
		• \$434,070 in annual revenue (full 39 weeks next year and beyond)
		<ul> <li>Cost to families: Additional \$270/student this year; \$585 for full</li> </ul>
\		year

#### Option 3: \$10/week Tuition, big cuts to programming

#### Option 3: Eliminate (5+) free OST Programs Raise tuition by \$10/week on Nov 1 (from \$149 to \$159) Revenue • \$152,190 in additional revenue this year \$200,000 from "local" OST budget Weekly cost well below Newton (\$171 to \$212 per week) Ex: Eliminate free Soccer, Spanish, STEM, Music, and Dance clubs Allows us to finish the year with a projected surplus of $\approx$ **Notes** \$120,000 \$289,380 in annual revenue (full 39 weeks next year and beyond) Additional \$180/student this year; \$390 for full year

# Comm Schools: Considerations

- With tuition raises in January, we'll likely have to "lend" Comm Schools money for contracted services needed until then.
- The district is reviewing all aspects of Comm Schools staffing, service, goals, etc to determine tuitions for next year and beyond.